



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: CITY FACILITIES AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide an update on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance for community centers, libraries, and other General Fund buildings.

In 2023, an ADA study of the Park and Recreation Department's 21 community centers and two athletic/sports facilities was conducted. Since that study, two new community centers have opened. Of the 25 facilities, 14 are ADA compliant and 11 are "grandfathered." Facilities built prior to 1990, when the ADA was signed into law, are considered to be "grandfathered."

Two of the "grandfathered" facilities are in the design phase for reconstruction. Design for Fire Station Community Center is scheduled for completion in December 2025, and design for the new community center and pool that will replace Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center is scheduled for completion in spring 2026.

Community Centers – ADA Compliance Status

Community Center	ADA Compliant	'Grandfathered'
Andrew Doc Session		X
Atatiana Carr-Jefferson at Hillside		X
Betsy Price	X	
Chisholm Trail	X	
Como	X	
Diamond Hill	X	
Eugene McCray	X	
Fire Station*		X
Greenbriar		X
Handley-Meadowbrook	X	
Haws Athletic Center		X
Highland Hills		X
Martin Luther King Jr.*		X
North Tri-Ethnic	X	
North Park YMCA	X	
Northside	X	
R. D. Evans		X
Rise	X	
Riverside		X
Southside		X
Southwest	X	
Sycamore	X	
Thomas Place		X
Victory Forest	X	
Worth Heights	X	

Additionally, there are 20 libraries, of which 15 are ADA compliant and 5 are "grandfathered".



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Libraries – ADA Compliance Status

Library	ADA Compliant	'Grandfathered'
Clifford Crossing	X	
Diamond Hill Jarvis	X	
Downtown Express	X	
East Berry	X	
East Regional	X	
Ella Mae Shamblee	X	
Fort Worth History Center		X
Golden Triangle	X	
La Gran Biblioteca	X	
Meadowbrook		X
Northside	X	
Northwest	X	
Reby Cary Youth	X	
Ridglea		X
Rise	X	
Riverside	X	
Southwest Regional		X
Summerglenn	X	
Vivian J. Lincoln	X	
Wedgwood		X

Of the remaining 227 General Fund facilities, 87 are ADA compliant and 140 are “grandfathered.” Many of the “grandfathered” facilities have areas that are too small, or fixtures that need to be replaced or relocated. Examples include hallways that are not wide enough, bathrooms that are too small, light switches that are mounted too high, or doorknobs that need to be replaced with lever handles.

Property Management is currently assessing the needs of the “grandfathered” facilities to create an action plan. The plan will include priorities, estimated costs, and projected timelines. The action plan for the 16 “grandfathered” community centers and libraries will be completed by October 31, 2025, and the plan for the remaining 140 General Fund facilities will be completed by February 27, 2026.

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